

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## In South Carolina

### Who Can Register To Vote

To vote, South Carolina law requires a person to register. To register you must:

- ⦿ Be a United States citizen
- ⦿ Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- ⦿ Be a resident of the state, county, and precinct at the address you give on the application
- ⦿ Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- ⦿ Not be confined in any public prison as a result from a conviction of a crime
- ⦿ Have never been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws. If you have been convicted, once the sentence is completed including probation or parole, or have received a pardon, you can register

There is no length of residency requirement to register to vote.

### Registration Deadline

Voter registration applications must be received by the county voter registration office at least 30 days prior to an election.

### How to Register

#### In person

- ⦿ County voter registration office
- ⦿ Department of Motor Vehicles

#### By mail

- ⦿ Applications are available for download at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)
- ⦿ Other county offices such as libraries

### How to Return an Application

The application can be returned to the county voter registration office by mail, fax, email or in person delivery. Once approved, a voter registration card will be mailed to you.

### Voter Registration Office Contact Information:

- ⦿ Locate the street address, phone number, and email address at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)
- ⦿ In the telephone book blue pages under County Government

### ID Required

Identification showing your name and address will be required when you register to vote.

Acceptable forms of ID:

- ⦿ Photo ID
- ⦿ Utility Bill
- ⦿ Bank Statement
- ⦿ Paycheck
- ⦿ Government Document

If you register by mail, you must include a copy of one of these IDs. If you do not, you will be required to provide one of these IDs the first time you vote. Identification may be sent to the voter registration office through mail, fax or email.

### If You Move

If you move within the county, update your address with the county voter registration office. This can be done by:

- ⦿ Downloading a **Change of Address** form from [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)
- ⦿ Completing the back of your current voter registration card
- ⦿ Completing a Voter Registration application

If you move to another county within the state, you must complete a new voter registration application.

### More Information

For details on voter registration laws, see Title 7 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

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For more voter registration and election information, contact your county Board of Voter Registration or visit: [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org).

**Ask your county Board of Voter Registration for literature on any of the following topics:**

- ⦿ **Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Absentee Voting in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **Access for Voters with Disabilities in South Carolina**
- ⦿ **1-2-3 Vote How to Use South Carolina's Voting System**

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